# **Nursling C of E Primary School**



Learning to Love. Building Resilience. Taking Responsibility.

Newsletter 10- 15th November 2024

#### **Head teacher's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday I was summoned by Chestnut Class and given a beautiful scroll that was tied together by a red ribbon. It was an invitation to watch them perform their core strength moves in PE.

I saw them all do a bridge, cat pose, log roll, low and high kneels and a tuck. They were all amazing and very proud of their efforts!



Well done Chestnuts!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jearrad

#### **Attendance Notices**

Attendance letters have been generated and sent out to all parents whose children are under 95%. We do appreciate, there are a small group who fall into this category due to the sickness bug in October. Attendance certificates have been attached for your reference.

If you are having difficulties getting your child in school and/or to school on time, please make an appointment to speak to a member of staff through the school office.

#### **Attendance this week**

Chestnut	Birch	Willow	Holly	Sycamore	Rowan	Oak	School
97.7%	93.3%	96.4%	97.6%	97.8%	94.6%	96.3%	96.2%

The expected attendance for each student is a minimum of 96%. Individual children identifying as under 96% will be engaging in conversations with staff to ensure their attendance improves.



I am the way, the truth and the life; no one goes to the father except through me. John 14:6

## **Cyril's awards**

**Year R** Kiara- For always having a beautiful smile on her face and working exceptionally hard. Kiara can read CVC words independently, well done Kiara!

Leo- For his incredible independent reading and mathematics. Leo built a 12 array with multi-link and could explain what he had done!

**Year 1** Vinnie- he has such a good week this week, we are so proud of him! His effort in writing, phonics and touch work has been fantastic!



Ethan- we are absolutely blown away by Ethan's writing! He is always so neat and careful, and makes sure to check his work and correct errors- well done!

**Year 2** Imogen is our Cyril Squirrel this week. She has been super focused and her presentation has improved hugely. Her confidence to participate in lessons has grown and she is being a super responsible learner. Well done!

Renee is our second Cyril Squirrel. Renee is taking extra pride in her work recently. She is working hard on her presentation and her spellings. Renee is also trying her best in all lessons and regularly has her hand up to answer questions. Keep up the great work!

**Year 3** Evie- has been working really hard this week especially in her writing. She has really been engaged with our class Iron Man story. Well done Evie keep it up.

Jesse- Jesse has blown us away this week with how focused he's been during English lessons. He has produced some great pieces of writing, especially his letter asking the farmers to let the Iron Man out of the trap. Great Job Jesse keep it up!

**Year 4** Savannah has worked consistently hard all year so far. Everything she does. She tries her best even when she struggles. She will ask for help appropriately. I'm so pleased with her

Emily is very quiet but works hard in everything she does. She puts 100% into all of our school work and always tries her best . Well done Emily . Keep it up.

**Year 5** Eliza has been working really hard at producing more work in lessons and increasing her pace, particularly in her writing. She has also impressed during swimming this week, setting an excellent example for others to follow in both her attitude and behaviour.

Casey could receive the Cyril most weeks, as she quietly smashes anything asked of her. She consistently demonstrates the school values and has a very positive attitude towards her learning and is a pleasure to have as part of our class.

**Year 6** Layla was brilliant in her most recent writing piece. She listened to all the feedback and produced a superb persuasive letter. Superstar!

Sonner has blown me away with his writing this week. He wrote a fantastic letter and every sentence was carefully planned and written. Legend!

## **Butser Farm**

The Year 3 children had a fantastic time on their school trip to Butser Ancient Farm! They spent the day trying out lots of exciting activities, like making their own jewellery, building fences, and carving stones just like people did in ancient times. One of the highlights was taking part in an archaeological dig, where they carefully unearthed fascinating artefacts from the Iron and Bronze Age. It was a fun and hands-on way to learn about history, and everyone left with great memories from their adventure!















### Online safety while using devices.

You may have seen in the press recent concerns about children being kept safe and the access that they have whilst online. Last week, I met with many children throughout the school and discussed their views on e-safety and the use of devices.

At school, the children feel very safe while using various medias and technologies. However, some children from all year groups were able to describe incidents where they are playing online games or talking to complete strangers through the games in their own bedrooms. They feel that they were unsupervised and often behind closed bedroom doors.

They were able to describe actions that they would take if they were subjected to offensive or abusive language or material such as report the player or often would just shut down the app or game but some were not confident in reporting it to their parents as they felt they might be in trouble. (Particularly when they thought that the parent wasn't aware that they were using the device e.g bedtime.)

Most key stage 2 children recognised that there is a PEGI rating system in place and certain games and apps are not suitable for primary school children, yet they are still playing /accessing them e.g. games like Fortnite.

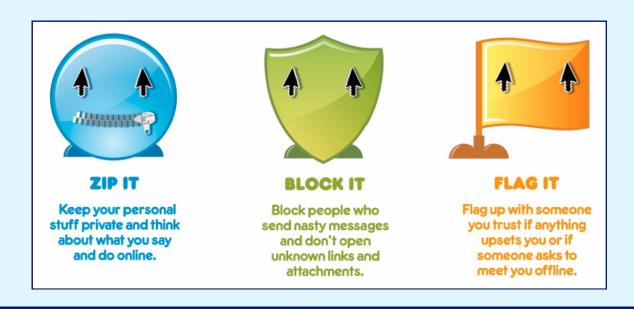
At school, we use the NSPCC Zip it, Block it, Flag it approach for keeping your child safe online.

We would encourage you to consider what your children are actually playing or accessing on their devices, particularly while in their bedrooms or rooms on their own, to prevent your child being subjected to any unwanted comments or imagery. Please discuss with your child about "flagging" the incident to you if an issue occurs.

For further advice or suggestions, please visit <a href="https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety/online-safety-for-schools">https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety/online-safety-for-schools</a> or talk to your child's teacher.

#### Mr Booth

#### Computing Lead



# Out of school achievements







# **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you for all your donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

You raised £55.49





Next week's challenge is based on the Gig section on TTRS. Please complete the Gig for November (if you haven't already)!





This weeks winner for their effort and accuracy is Oscar. He played the most sound checks this past week and has improved his score!





We have introduced a new competition for our Key Stage 1 chldren. This will be on Numbots which is linked to TTRS. We are working on subitising, counting and number bonds. Again our winners may be the quickest, most accurate or showing the most effort.

This week's winner for their effort is Freya. She has achieved 3 stars on every level she has passed! Well done!

## **Important Dates**

Prospective Parent Tour (Year R 2025)	Thursday 21st, Tuesday 26th November 2024		
Year 2 Trip	Wednesday 20th November 2024		
PTA Non Uniform Day	Friday 22nd November 2024		
Year 5/6 Basketball - Romsey School 1pm - 4pm	Friday 29th November 2024		
PTA Winter Fayre	Friday 29th November 2024		
In-house Cross Country All year Groups	Wednesday 4th December 2024		
NHS Flu Immunisation	Thursday 5th December 2024		
Year 3/4 Music concert 9.15am	Thursday 5th December 2024		
KS2 Athletics - Mountbatten School - 1pm to 4pm	Friday 6th December 2024		
Years R,1 & 2 Nativity 2pm & 6pm	Wednesday 11th December 2024		
100% attendance tea party	Tuesday 17th December 2024		
Christingle Service 2pm St Johns Church	Tuesday 17th December 2024 Collect children from Church		
Pantomine (in school)	Wednesday 18th December 2024		
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 19th December 2024		
PTA Christmas Disco	Thursday 19th December 2024		
Open Classroom 2.30pm	Friday 20th December 2024		
End of Autumn Term			
No after school club provision			
PLEASE CHECK THIS REGULARLY FOR	CHANGES AND UPDATES		

# STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

We are pleased to announce that our Year R tours will be taking place from 11 – 11.45am on:

- Friday 8th November
- Monday 11th November
- Thursday 21st November
- Tuesday 26th November

To book a place, please call the School Office on 02380 732289. We look forward to welcoming you!

#### PE uniform reminder

Football kits are not to be worn for PE.

Plain t-shirts in the colour of their house or ones with a logo.

Plain black shorts.

Plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings / jumper.

# Please take the time to read the important reminders below, which will really help with the transition back to school

- Please label everything with your child's name This includes coats, bags, hats, gloves etc we don't have the space in school to accommodate large volumes of un-named lost property. Lost property is emptied at the end of every term. Anything unnamed will be given to charity.
- **Top up school meal funds** Reminder that the price is increasing to £3.20 per meal effective from September.
- **Medication in School** Please ensure that any medication e.g Inhalers, epipens etc are brought to the school office in the first instance. The medicines will then be logged and stored appropriately. Any medication should be in its original packaging, clearly stating the child's name and an expiry date and an up to date asthma plan will be required to support inhalers in school.
- Absence If your child is absent from school at any time please ensure that you call the school office (02380 732289), leave a voicemail or send a parentmail before 8.50am. If we are not informed of a child's absence, we will continually ring every contact logged on Arbor, until we can establish a reason for the absence. Holiday requests must have a form completed prior to the absence (a supply of these are kept in the school reception).
- After School Clubs Please remember to book your child's place if they would like to attend an
  after school club. Some have proven very popular and are already fully booked apologies if your
  child has missed out this time around. We also have breakfast and after school club available.

#### Safeguarding your children

- **Parking** Our school is a no drive zone and parking within the school is not permitted if you are collecting your child, please park considerately. The community hall has a large car park you can park and walk from. There is one space in the layby for Blue Badge Holders. Please only park in this space if you have a blue badge on display.
- **Castle-** Children are not allowed on the castle unless supervised by a member of staff. School will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a child if this rule is ignored.
- **Bikes and Scooters** Children are not allowed to cycle or scoot on the School grounds. School will not be held responsible for any injury caused to a child if this rule is ignored.

#### Safeguarding your children

It is always good to start the year with good knowledge and understanding around safeguarding.

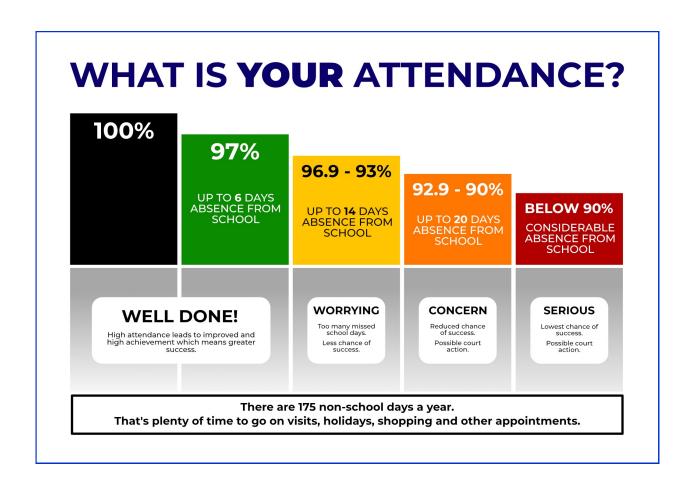
### Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

This means parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, school staff and all members of the community are responsible for ensuring children are safe and concerns are raised in a timely manner.

#### **Attendance**

If your child is not in school and we do not know why, we will follow our safeguarding procedures. School will contact you and proceed down your list of contacts if your phone is switched off.

House calls will be made if we have particular concern for the whereabouts of your child.



If your child is absent from school, it is imperative you let the school office know. Save embarrassment and be truthful. The amount of times we are told a child is off with illness and the child tells us of their lovely holiday or break when they come back to school.

#### Lateness and Requests for Authorised Absence

Children should be in school by **8.50am** each day, when registration begins.

It is important that all children make a good start to the day and are ready to learn.

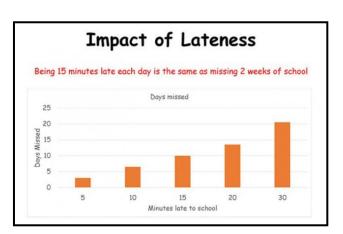
If a child arrives after 8.50am, they will be given a 'late' mark.

Late arrivals disrupt the whole class and children who arrive late are often embarrassed and unsettled because they have missed important instructions.

If children arrive in school after 9.20am they will be marked as an unauthorised absence

#### **Requests for Authorised Absence**

Schools are only allowed to authorise absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In making a request for an authorised absence from school you will need to explain why the circumstances are exceptional.. There is no general right to authorise absence for a family holiday. If you take your child out of school without permission the absence will be unauthorised and a penalty notice may be issued.



#### **School Dinners**

Check if your child can get free meals https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Our school caterers are award-winning caterers, managed by Hampshire County Council Education Catering, formerly known as HC3S. Visit the pages on their website for their menus and other information. <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/news">https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/news</a>. You can also keep up-to-date, by following them on social media.

Facebook: @hc3seducation Twitter: @hc3s6

Children choose from a vegetarian or meat option, and cost £3.20 for a freshly cooked main meal and pudding, payable via Scopay. Special diets can be catered for by prior arrangement.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/education-catering/parent-information/primary

If your child has an allergy or any dietary needs please speak to the school The week beginning the 18th November 2024 is week 3 in the cycle.



#### **Communicating with School**

# **Communication Flowchart**

We know that when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school, whether it is pastoral, friendships, curriculum or staffing in nature, they often feel the best way forward is to ask to see the Head teacher. In our experience, many of these concerns can often be most quickly resolved by talking to the class teacher as they know your children best. Please be aware that the Chair of Governors does not become involved unless a formal complaint is logged having completed all previous steps. The Complaints Procedure is on the website.

Please use the chart below to know who you need to speak to.

### Who do I speak to and in what order?

Steps	Learning / Classroom/ Staffing issues	Pastoral / Additional Needs	School Administration				
1	In the first instance, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher after school by appointment. Appointments can be made via the school office.	If you're struggling with pastoral issues such as routines, attendance or you just need to reach out, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to Mrs Mellor (SENCO)	Please speak to Mrs Man- ning, Mrs H-C or Mrs Petley in the school office.				
2	If you feel your query has not been resolved, please arrange to speak to <b>Mr Booth or Mrs Skeels</b> (Assistant Headteachers)	Concerns or actions related to Special Educational Needs or pastoral issues still not sorted, ask the office to book you an appointment to speak to Mrs Mellor (SENCO).	If you have a complaint with regards to a member of the office team, go to Step 3.				
3	If still not sorted?  Please make an appointment to speak to our Head teacher, Mrs Jearrad. This meeting may also be attended by a member of the staff or Senior Leadership Team to ensure actions from any previous meetings can be discussed.  Still not satisfied? Formal Complaint Process Step 1 with Mrs Jearrad.						
	<u>Formal Complaints</u>						
4	If you are unhappy with the outcome of your queries and are proceeding to a formal complaint Step 2 having followed all the previous steps, please contact our Chair of Governors, <b>Mrs. Jackie Barker</b>						











